

ABSTRACT

An Internet based single entry field electronic payment interface. The invention allows for a single entry field to accommodate any number of various payments types for purchases via the Internet. Whereas traditional systems commonly accommodate only credit card transactions via the Internet, the invention allows for any number of payment types to be transacted through the common portal. In one embodiment, a selection is made to determine which payment type is to be used with the single entry field. Then, the payment information corresponding to that selection is provided to the single entry field to perform the financial transaction. The single entry field payment functionality is provided on a local sever that accommodates a merchant web site in one embodiment. Alternatively, a framed portion of the merchant web page facilitates the purchase, or a hyper-link to a payment web page is used in even other embodiments to perform the purchase.